

Golf Board Minutes

May 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chairman Mike Bartlett at the Prairie room in City Hall. Attending the meeting were Bartlett, Kristy Hight, Bill Gordon, Scott Bothun, Carin Hayn, Bryan Tipton, Boyd Conzemius, Tom Farnsworth, Seanna Regynski and Vona Johnson (Johnson by phone). Michael Keeton was absent.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from last meeting by Conzemius, seconded by Gordon, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Hight, and seconded by Conzemius, motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Carin Hayn, PGA professional, clubhouse manager: Hayn went over the round report (attached). Over 93% of the rounds were by season pass holders, play has been active. The course was open 23 days but 5 of them had no play. They are shoring up cart plans (try to be done by June 1) and she reported that there are a few lockers available so far (normally the course has a waiting list). Hayn went over the Hillsvie Golf Calendar. Conzemius added that they would like to reschedule the OMGA 2-Man event to May 16th.

Bryan Tipton, Superintendent: Tipton began his report discussing the minor irrigation problems they have been fixing which is pretty normal. They are going to start adding soil to the low area on Hole #2. Their goal is to add 6-9 inches of soil then re-seed. Then they will proceed to do the same on Hole 11, left of the green. Hope to have both done by May 15th. This will prevent standing water hopefully in wet years.

Tipton discussed the 31-year old sprayer that died/failed on them. Some pipe was corroded. He is going to the commission meeting asking approval to buy another sprayer for the course. A new one cost around \$35,000. This was in next year's budget. Luckily they were able to get the first application done on the course.

Tipton noted that there have been individuals that are driving their carts on the par 3's when they are clearly marked. He asked the board to help with this if they see this happening out on the course.

Tom Farnsworth, Director: Farnsworth discussed that in 61 days the city ordinance expires regarding the social distancing. We will wait and see how things go from there. He discussed the funding for sprayer out of the contingency fund that the City has available for such things as this.

Old Business:

1. Golf Course Operation Plan, Progress Report: Hayn stated they have been open a month and the staff has been adjusting pretty well and people have been cooperative. The snack bar has been a challenge. They are trying to use direct call to the snack bar as notated by signage on the course. Hayn asked the board members to continue to promote good use of the carts, using the 90-degree rule and cart paths, etc. as much as you can due to the extra carts being out on the course that will add wear and tear. Extra staff is required to clean the carts throughout the day using soap and water. She commends her staff and the patrons doing their best to help. Social distancing on the patio has been a challenge but for the most part everything is going well. Restrooms are being cleaned on an hourly basis. Discussion was had on the benches, shoe cleaners and sand on the course to fix divots. Tipton said the members are welcome to fill their private carts on hole 8 from the sand pile. Tipton also explained why the sand doesn't necessarily help with the divots like most people think.
2. Golf Pond Liner update: Tipton appreciates the volunteers help with this project. The second panel was a challenge, however the weather cooperated. It took them two days to place the panels. They continue to work on dirt work around the pond. So far it is looking good and are monitoring the high-water marks with the recent rain. They have only filled the pond two days thus far and they think the project is going to perform as planned.

New Business:

1. HLGA- Regynski reported that opening day for the ladies is tomorrow/Tuesday. Sign up has been good and the league is doing a third set of t-times at 3 pm for those additional golfers that would like to play 18. Hight added that we have two new members to the league. Final numbers are not in yet.
2. OMGA- Conzemius discussed the 2-man event that was discussed when the calendar of events was reviewed. He also asked about paying for the Tipton's assistant membership and Tipton thought they would just do a punch card for him this summer as they are very busy and not having any time to golf. Hayn added that they have not cashed the HLGA check yet as they were waiting to see what was being done with the membership.

With no further business, at 6:13 it was motioned by Regynski and seconded by Bothun to adjourn, motion carried. The next meeting will be June 1st (place to be determined).

Respectively submitted,

Kristy Hight, Vice Chairman